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SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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Property Name	Palazzo Dorell		
Address	Dawret il-Gudja		
Town Name	Gudja	Toponym	N/A
Property Owner	Private	Local Council	Gudja
Guardianship Deed	-		
	Managing Body	-	

Period	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Architectural Historical	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Very High
Property Function	Domestic	Conservation Area	UCA

Outline Description	Palazzo
Property Description	<p>Also known as Villa Bettina; belong to the Noble Bettina Dorell The palace is adorned with gardens, and a small chapel. During the blockade of the French troops in Valletta (1798 - 1800), the palazzo was converted into the headquarters of the British Forces under General Graham. The palazzo is a two-storey building flanked by a one storey wing on either side decorated with balustrades and surmounted with spherical stone ornaments. The facade is symmetrical and austere, and is set back from the street level by means of a forecourt. The arched doorway which is reached by a flight of steps is adorned with a pair of scrolls which flank the corbels supporting the overlying balustrade balcony. The windows and the balcony's door at first floor level are set in a plain receding panel, and are aligned with the windows and doors below. The two storey building is divided into bays by means of plain pilasters. The gate in the forecourt has a semicircular-headed portal flanked by two smaller flat-headed doorways and surmounted by spherical stone ornaments similar to those on the wings of the main building. At the back there is an open, wall-enclosed court with an archway that centres on a temple-like building at the far end. The palace is also adorned with a sort of ruined tower, built c.1780 round an old watch-tower.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	404	G.N. Date	1998
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Recommended Bibliography	Grima J.F. (2008), <i>Legacy of an Order in Malta 360', VOL I 1530-1680</i> , Malta: Miranda Publications.
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Coordinates : Easting

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Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

